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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Information Technology, DA

25X1 FROM: [REDACTED]
Chief, Information Management Staff, DO

SUBJECT: Implementation of Single Message Format (SMF)
Phase II

REFERENCES: A. OIT Memo dated 25 Nov 88, Same Subject
B. OIT Memo dated 20 Nov 88, Same Subject
C. IMS Memo dated 19 Sep 88, Same Subject

25X1 1. [REDACTED] IMS, advised per discussions with you, implementation of SMF Phase II will proceed as specified in Ref C, i.e. - MHF programmed to recognize and disseminate cables in accordance with the format, the LIMIT indicator, and default symbols. The DO is anxiously awaiting Phase II, confident that implementation will resolve many of the dissemination difficulties experienced in recent years, and simplify the system for originators to understand and use. To gain an understanding of MHF capabilities, I would greatly appreciate a briefing on the system.

25X1 2. Any questions pertaining to this memorandum should be directed to [REDACTED] IMS/ASB, extension [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chief, Information Management Staff, DO

FROM:

Edward J. Maloney
Director of Information Technology, DA

SUBJECT:

Implementation of Single Message Format Phase II

REFERENCES:

- A. OIT Memo (OIT-10279-88), dtd 20 Nov 88, Same Subject
- B. Your Memo (IMS 88-431) dtd 19 Sept, Same Subject

1. As you are aware, the Message Handling Facility (MHF) is scheduled to become operational in September 1989. We are now past the Critical Design Review; the requirements are fixed, largely implemented in software, and the system is entering test phases. Without a change in funding and in the schedule, we cannot accommodate new requirements against MHF. The original requirement for Single Message Format (SMF) accepted by the DDA in July 1986 is already part of the MHF baseline and will be implemented as agreed. SMF Phase II, however, was never previously scheduled and that was not part of the MHF program.

2. We have analyzed the implications of SMF Phase II, and we have concluded that it would require some software changes to MHF and to the profiles for cable dissemination. Accordingly, we consider SMF Phase II to be a new requirement. For purposes of discussion, we assume a time frame of about three months for implementation, although this is subject to refinement since we have not tasked the MHF contractor to provide a cost schedule estimate on such an effort. If you have operational requirements for SMF Phase II that would justify a slip in MHF deployment of this magnitude, please make those known as soon as possible and we will evaluate the impact fully. Otherwise, SMF Phase II must be addressed after final operating capability of MHF is delivered and CDS is retired.

3. After MHF deployment, the program is currently slated to go into a purely operational and maintenance mode. There is no program defined for doing software changes for new requirements, and the budget for maintenance is insufficient to commit to even the most modest changes such as SMF Phase II would require. We are considering how to restructure the program to allow for new requirements, and we will need your support in this regard. At a minimum, we will need to have a complete list of all new requirements for MHF from all sources.

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4. To assist in this process, please consider all anticipated requirements against MHF from the DO and forward them to me, prioritized as to rank and time frames. This will help us to determine how best to proceed--whether it be some re-scoping of the current contract, a new unfunded requirement, or a new initiative. If we can get enough requirements and support to continue the current contractor effort without a lapse, some new requirements can be implemented in a timely fashion. With your input and support, I hope to be able to plan a viable future MHF program that can meet your needs.

Edward J. Maloney

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Chief, Information Management Staff, DO

FROM:

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Deputy Director of Information Technology

SUBJECT: Implementation of Single Message Format Phase II [redacted]

REFERENCE: Your Memo, dtd 19 Sep 88, Same Subject

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The referenced Directorate of Operations (DO) implementation plan for the second level phase of Single Message Format (SMF) has been reviewed. Upon completion of the installation of the Message Handling Facility (MHF) circa August 1989, it will be addressed for implementation on a timely basis. Prior to implementation of the SMF Phase II, I propose that the necessary representatives from the DO and OIT meet and discuss the requirements package that was passed down to OIT. There are several areas which need to be addressed. The contact representative for OIT is [redacted]

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